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## **FLORA MAN RECEIVES TWENTY-FIVE YEAR PRISON SENTENCE**

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on November 16, 2006, **DENNIS WAYNE CASOLARI**, age 56, of Flora, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. CASOLARI was sentenced to 300 months (25 years) imprisonment, was fined \$1,000, and was placed on 5 years supervised release.

CASOLARI had previously pleaded guilty to three counts in a federal indictment. Count 1 charged that on May 28, 2006, **CASOLARI** traveled from Illinois to Carmel, Indiana for the purpose of attempting to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a person under sixteen years of age.

Count 2 charged possession of material that contained images of child pornography.

Count 3 charged possession of a computer hard drive, computer disk, and other material that contained images of child pornography that have been transported in interstate commerce.

According to the stipulation of facts at the time of the plea, on May 28, 2006, CASOLARI traveled to Carmel, Indiana , to meet with what CASOLARI believed to be a 13 year old boy. In fact, the 13 year old boy was an undercover police officer from the Carmel, Indiana Police Department. A search warrant was then executed at CASOLARI's residence in Flora, Illinois, where law enforcement officers discovered child pornography on CASOLARI's computer.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Southern Illinois Cyber Crimes Task Force, Carbondale Police Department, Flora Police Department, Marion Police Department, Mt. Vernon Police Department, the Carmel, Indiana Police Department and the Mayfield, Kentucky Police Department

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

The United States Attorney's Office, in conjunction with federal and state law enforcement authorities, is actively investigating and prosecuting individuals who produce, distribute, or possess child pornography. Anyone with information concerning the use of the Internet for the purposes of possessing, producing, or trafficking in child pornography is encouraged to contact their local police department or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.